

My name is Jim Hart. I am the president and operator of Pneumatek, Inc. in Thayer, MO. I am providing testimony for the Governor's Rural High-Speed Internet Access Task Force. My testimony includes facts and dates for the history of Pneumatek as well as information to assist the Task Force with their duties.

Rural High-Speed Internet Access Deployment History

April 16, 2001 Pneumatek, Inc. incorporated in Missouri

January 21, 2002 Went live with Broadband Wireless Access in Thayer, MO (4 APs)

February 2, 2002 Began Operations at [The Tek Shop](#) in Thayer, MO

September 2002 Went live with Broadband Wireless Access in West Plains, MO (3 APs)

July 2003 Went live with Broadband Wireless Access in Mountain View and Willow Springs, MO (3 APs)

Client History

Clients served included Banks, Cell Phone Agents, City Government, College Students, Dental, Engineering, Farm and Feed Supply, Graphics Artist, Hardwood Flooring, Insurance, Medical, Pharmacy, Publisher, RadioShack, Real Estate, Restaurant, Trucking and a UPS Store as well as residential clients. Most clients were businesses.

Task Force Information

Currently serving Thayer and West Plains, MO within a 7 mile radius. Serving up to 1.5 Mbps. (2 APs)

There are Economic, Geographic and Market Barriers

An option to increase deployment would be funding to assist economically depressed rural Missourians in equipment purchase, to collocate on and/or build towers thus overcoming geographic barriers and provide subsidies to enable local broadband providers to compete with incumbent local exchange carriers.